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Applicants : Kazuhiro Kusuda et al. Confirmation No.: 7962
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REQUEST FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of time in the above-identified case so as to extend the period for filing a Notice of Appeal to expire on January 25, 2004.

An extension for two months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$420.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the fee for filing this three (3) month extension of time and the Notice of Appeal.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed herewith in connection with any deposit account charge.

Respectfully submitted,

KAZUHIRO KUSUDA ET AL.

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